

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, February 18, 2010

6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Roll Call:

Members Present: Cynthia Schultz, Bill Brown, Andy Davis, Paul Schneller, Ted Mendoza, Maggie Sullivan, Toby Strout, Melissa Clark, George Huntington

Regrets: Dave Rollo, Jim Sherman, Matt Laherty, Dan Killion

Staff Present: Adam Wason, Jeff Holabaugh

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. January minutes approved with general consent with one correction noted.

Public Comment

Cynthia welcomed members of the public.

Announcements

Adam informed the commission that Dan Killion has chosen to step down from his position on the commission. Adam discussed the interview process for the Sustainability Coordinator position and noted that the procedure has followed a professional HR process for interviewing the candidates. In the event of a “tie” between candidates, there has been mention of a possible social or open event to move forward with the interview process. Bill discussed a similar procedure that IU used when hiring for its sustainability coordinator. Paul feels a form of interaction between the candidates and commission would be helpful. To this end, several options were put forth: separate nights for candidates to meet with BCOS and others, varying amounts of time, etc. It was suggested that if the event moves forward, a copy of questions be circulated among commission, possibly resumes, etc. Cynthia reiterated that ultimately, the Mayor will have final say. Bill mentioned the debut of Zipcar, a car sharing service, and Zimride, a ride sharing software funded by the IU Student Association, on campus. Maggie discussed the Trash and ReFashion Show February 20th at the Convention Center, a benefit for The Center For Sustainable Living. Cynthia discussed presentation February 11th, IMU Dogwood Room 9-11pm. Michael Pollan will be speaking at IU February 26th.

Introduction of new members – Ted Mendoza, Maggie Sullivan

Recap of meeting with Mayor Kruzan

Mayor Kruzan welcomed input from the commission but stated that the commission will not be a formal part of the interview process for Sustainability Coordinator position. Matt Laherty was introduced to the Mayor. The Mayor supported the idea of strategic workshop.

Mayor received the draft of Water Committee's report. Energy, peak oil taskforce, green building, transportation and food committees were all brought to the Mayor's attention.

2010 Strategic Planning Session Discussion

Cynthia has identified Brenda Bailey-Hughes as a possible facilitator for this discussion. Approximately a four hour discussion was suggested in a previous meeting. Commission discussed 3-7 p.m., 5-9 p.m., etc. Paul would like to see an outline or agenda prior to the meetings which would outline what was to be discussed/the process. Brenda has mentioned wanting to meet with a planning group prior to the discussion. Paul feels the group should discuss whether a small-group meeting is worthwhile. George feels that a preliminary meeting is common and helpful in these strategic planning situations. Toby is on-record as being opposed to paying someone to facilitate a meeting for this commission. Paul agrees that it is not necessary to pay someone to facilitate. George feels facilitators can be very worthwhile in these types of situations. Members of the commission feel it is necessary to discuss whether a paid facilitator is needed. Andy would prefer an April meeting if possible. Several members agree.

Further Discussion of Themes – Sustainability Network Newsletter

Three bundled themes will be put out in the first round of newsletters. Ted discussed the Sustainability Network Newsletter as being an informational resource that is not intended to be an organization in and of itself. It will act as “the glue” that binds various local groups working on sustainability issues. The local branch of the USGBC will be assuming the cost of administering this list-serve for this year.

Committee Reports

Cynthia informed commission of tour of water plant, involving Dave Rollo, Matt Laherty. Ted, Bill, and Melissa all showed interest in participating. Paul is interested taking part in discussion with Steve Volan and Cynthia to discuss STAR. Green Drinks is offering sponsorships this year again. The Water Committee is working with a marketing class in the IU Kelley School of Business to come up with frameworks for communicating the results of research that BCOS conducts. Green Building Committee has another home tour scheduled for April 17th. Ted informed the commission that the local USGBC has scheduled programs for a week following Earth Day. Sunday the 18th of April, a Film Festival will take place at the Monroe County Library Auditorium. Monday the 19th-Thursday the 22nd has speakers and panels scheduled to discuss green building issues like construction, gardening, landscaping, etc. On April 24th from 2-4 pm in the Library Auditorium, Nancy Hiller will be speaking on the topic of energy conservation designs in 100-year old homes. Ted would like feedback from the Commission to see how USGBC calendar coordinates with other sustainability group's schedules, etc. Bill discussed that the ten days prior to Earth Day will see presentations at IU discussion sustainability issues. Cynthia noted a LEED GA prep class taking place on Feb. 27th. Contact Dave Gulyas for more information.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.